

FASHIONS AT THE CAPITAL Well-dressed Women of Washington's Smart Society. What They Wear—The Time and the Place.

By MARGARET WADE.

The annual congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, opening tomorrow in Continental Hall, promises to illustrate anew the true spirit of American independence. In the great body of 1,000 delegates and visitors, who come to Washington each year for this occasion, one finds every type of American woman of today, just as one hundred and forty years ago the struggling colonies called on every type of man, to fight for the principles, the worthy ladies are building monuments to commemorate.

The "Daughters" are not such criterion of style as they were a few years ago, when women of nation al importance filled the highest offices of the society and social attention offered the delegates of those days so encroachment on the official program that much unfinished business had to be crowded into the closing hours of the week which always holds as its most important days the anniversary of the battle of Lexington.

This year's congress, in addition to electing a new president for the society, affords an excellent opportunity for standardizing American fashions. The list of delegates shows the names of scores of women leaders in their respective States, who are coming to Washington to take part in the annual congress, but will select for themselves the styles of their spring and summer wardrobes here or on the way. The white Easter that enveloped a large part of the country, and the interruption to important models and materials have been two of the contributing causes to the great uncertainty as to what is what in the matter of spring attire, and this great gathering of women from Maine to California, it is hoped, may dispel.

Mr. Matthew T. Scott and Mrs. John W. Foster, two former presidents of the society, already in Washington, are models of elegance in dress, as also is Mrs. Samuel Spencer, wife of the late president of the Southern Railroad, Mrs. J. B. Forsaker, of Ohio, who is the delegate from her State, is another woman always well dressed to any occasion. Mrs. J. C. Burrows, of Michigan, a charter member of the society, is a figure of more than local interest, as she is this year's congress, with a smart wardrobe recently selected in New York, where she has been passing some time.

One of the most complete wardrobes of the early season, from sailor hats to the latest model in ball gowns, is that of Miss Bakmetoff, wife of the Russian Ambassador, but herself an American, whose brilliant girlhood was passed in Washington, where her parents, Gen. and Mrs. Edward F. Biele, were leaders of smart society a generation ago. Miss Bakmetoff, who passed the week in New York as the patroness of the Russian bazaar in aid of the war sufferers of that country, took to part in general society in the early weeks of the war, but more recently has been accepting invitations to dine, and also has done some entertaining at the new embassy in Sixteenth street, which is the latest fashion, is now the handsomest of all the embassies here in Washington.

and very modish short jacket. She also wears one of the new round high crowned turbans with aigrette of black paradise plume.

An example of dignity and good taste in dress, as a deportment, was given at a local theater recently, when Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, wife of the former minister from Belgium, rose in her box and stood with slightly bowed head while the orchestra played a selection, unknown to the audience, but recognized by a few musicians present, as the new battle hymn of the Belgium army composed by this talented symphonist, a set to a poem of an equally talented young daughter, Miss Yvonne Townsend.

Mrs. Townsend, slender and graceful as a girl, wears a close fitting trained gown of black satin with purple neck and elbow sleeves. Its only touch of color was a purple chiffon scarf that fell loosely from her shoulders. She wore no ornaments, but to the side of her well coiffed, prematurely gray hair that was arranged in soft waves high on her head was a bird the size of a swallow, but jet black.

The cloth gown, with its silk braid binding, introduced early in the season by Cheruit, is shown in a modish fashion by a visiting Mrs. James Slayden, of Texas, one of the several Congressional matrons remaining in Washington throughout the spring. Mrs. Slayden's gown is a neutral colored, slightly mottled material with close-fitting jacket and the new, long overdress which is the successor of the tunic. The edges, including those formed by overlapping seams, are bound in half-inch braid, matching the prevailing gray, or gun metal, tone in the cloth. The well-tailored jacket opens over a blouse of white satin and lace.

The hat worn with this is a dull green straw with a band of green satin headed by tufts of Goussin, all in the new, dull green, known to the American trade.

Mrs. Perion Russell, always one of the best-dressed worshippers at the fashionable St. John's, is wearing a dark blue suit with long coat and skirt of the plain color and the overdress of shadowy blue so vague in its blue and green outlines as to blend perfectly with the plain material forming the greater part of the suit.

Mrs. Russell's hat is a very smart dark blue straw trimmed in a paradise lark of the same colors.

Mrs. Edward A. Mitchell is wearing one of the newest and smartest of blue-bardine suits. This has a round skirt that does not flare at the ankles. This model shows that has been in an unusual number of fashions that the well-tailored woman may keep the narrow skirt at the ankles and still be extremely smart. Mrs. Mitchell's skirt is hardly wider than the tube skirt of past seasons. Over this is a skirt flaring moderately from the hips, and over this again the ultrasmart, straight, slim-fitting jacket with its French jacket, the skirt sleeves matching the cloth in color, the sleeves being very long and close-fitting from the elbow. This is a severe but chic costume. Mrs. Mitchell wears a small hat of blue straw trimmed only with ribbon of carbo blue, instead of independence, or any of the more springlike varieties modeled on our own old navy blue.

Mrs. Adelaide Heath is looking extremely well in a smart tailored suit of some new, loosely woven material that shows gray and pinks in an unusual mixture of colors. This has a conservative skirt round and free at the ankles, but having a noticeable flare, and one of the smartest little coats in town. The latter comes just below the hips, is smooth with plain back and narrow reverse collar, the latter faced in white satin overlaid in dark green braid and finished in gold buttons. The most distinctive feature of this distinctive suit, is the trimming on the edge of the jacket which is apparently Oriental embroidery in a light green and pink.

Mrs. Heath's hat is a dark blue and gray, the green a dull shade predominating. This embellishment forms a slightly scalloped edge on the top and goes around the edge of the crown. Mrs. Heath's hat matches the green line in her coat, trimming as it is a dark green Milan, torpedo shape, with its trimming delicate in its plumage showing both the pink and green tones.

The satin hat, or the satin and straw hat, which has achieved such popularity in the metropolitan districts, is shown in the well-known Virginia authoress, who all black by Miss Mollie Elliott Seawell, is frequently to be met on Connecticut avenue. Miss Seawell wears a tailored suit with a wide, white, one of the new fashion shapes, showing a satin crown and straw coronet with black aigrette as its only trimming.

Mrs. Hester, a daughter of Maj. Reisinger of the Marine Corps, and the daughter of Col. George F. Elliot, is wearing one of the most distinctive satin and straw hats in such as the crown and brim are attached to the stem. The straw is black. Around the crown, which is something of a sailor effect, is a garland of natural size asters in black and yellow and silver. Mrs. Reisinger wears this with one of the new gray tailored suits.

"Match your motor," appears to be a motto for the smart Washingtonians who are now taking their daily airing in Rock Creek Park and about the Spodway. Mrs. Dewey, wife of the Admiral of the Navy, whose preference for gray gowns is carried out in every known material, from velvet to chiffon, not only has her car lined in gray cloth of a thin striped pattern, but also has the doors paneled lengthwise in white enamel. This feature, originated by Mrs. Dewey to enable her to recognize her own car from afar, has been favored in many cases by other women until the crosswise enameled panel has assumed as great individuality as the crest or motor emblem upon it. In the case of Mrs. Dewey, the monogram is in black, a small M surrounded by a large D.

"I do not care to discuss Huerta's slanderous attacks upon the memory of President Madero. Of course Huerta lies. This will be proved. Too much light cannot be cast upon the horrible murder of my husband. The traitor Huerta could tell the truth if he cared to make a confession."—Senora Sara Perez de Madero.



is a round conventional brim, with black crown. It is precisely the same shape as several of Miss Harbour's smart winter hats, but gains its distinction from the fact that the satin is crossed lined by gray or dull blue, forming blocks of two inches square.

Mrs. Rebecca Collier, Mrs. T. De Witt Talmage's daughter, is another well-known motorist, who looks very smart in a huff-colored suit wearing a covert coat, and a round sand-colored hat with a wreath of pond lilies encircling the base of the crown.

Mrs. John Washington Davidson, a bride of the past season and a daughter of Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, is wearing a dark blue walking suit with the same narrow foundation noticed in other up-to-the-minute gowns, and with an overskirt that is laid in narrow but deep box pleats all about the waist. This second skirt is almost as long as the first with the pleats unstitched and giving a very graceful line at the hem. A short jacket is a part of this when used for walking, a loose motor coat when Mrs. Davidson, who is a real New England housekeeper, goes about her daily marketing in a well-appointed electric runabout. The hat topping the suit in either case is a black straw turban and in a wreath of small pink roses.

Mrs. William Low and daughter, Jeanne, and Mrs. George Vandooze, of Portsmouth, Va., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Pumphrey and family at their home in Nichols avenue.

Mrs. Wyatt, of Raleigh, N. C., has been visiting Mrs. M. J. McGrath at her home, 1520 L street, for several days. She returned the latter part of the week.

Mr. William Dunforth, of Philadelphia, is spending a short time in town with relatives.

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Miss Eliza Cox and Miss Eleanor Leadbeater. "The Spirit of Youth," interpreted by Miss Josephine Gray, Mrs. Albert Smoot, violin solo, Miss Edna L. Snyder, accompanist, Miss Styson; recitation, Miss Geraldine Davis; duet, Mrs. Pickett, Miss Emerson.

Miss Verna Mae Bittle has returned from a short visit to friends in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Frank Quigley, Mrs. T. M. Jones, Mrs. George W. Zachary, Mrs. Annie Potter, Mrs. John Harmon, Mrs. John Cassidy, Mrs. Louis Rothwell, Mrs. H. Spivey, Miss Maggie McMinnan, Miss Gertrude Newton, and Miss Mamie Mitchell have returned from Norfolk, where they attended the State convention of the Maccabees.

Mrs. W. L. Martin and Mrs. F. L. Bartlett, including members and their ladies of Alexandria (Canon, I. O. O. F., Thursday night at Mrs. Bartlett's home, 69 North Columbus street.

Rev. R. H. Bartlett, of Ellerslie, Md., last week visited his father, Mr. J. H. Bartlett, of Frederick, F. L. Bartlett, at 619 North Columbus street.

Miss Blanche Ramsdell, of Manassas, Va., was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Bedford Usher this week.

Mr. William Van Horn, of The Plains, Va., was a visitor here this week.

Mrs. Thomas Grace has returned to give a butterfly party at the parish hall after spending several months in this city.

Mr. De Miller, of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, is spending a few days in Warrenton, Va.

Rev. Dr. H. M. Carter, of Harrisonburg, Va., who will shortly make his home in Washington, spent several days in Alexandria last week visiting friends.

Mr. Thomas Miller, Jr., and Miss Flora Lachare were married Tuesday night at the manse of the Second Presbyterian Church by Rev. John Lee Allison, pastor of that church.

Miss Dorothy Terry, of West Chevy Chase, and Miss Pauline Jones of Washington, D. C., were week-end guests of Miss Elizabeth Ramey, South Alfred street.

The Afternoon Bridge Club met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Thomas B. Cochran at her home in South St. Asaph street. Those present were Mrs. Jacob Edge, of East Livingston, Pa.; Mrs. Richard Gibson, Mrs. Milton French, Mrs. Wallace Lindsey, Mrs. Robert S. Barrett, Mrs. Conrad Johnson, and Mrs. Julian T. Burke, Jr.

Mrs. Julian T. Burke, Jr., entertained last night a butterfly party at the parish hall at Braddock Heights in honor of Mrs. Jacob Edge.

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ARMY WOMAN GETS RECRUITS

Born and Raised in Camp, She is Working for Kitchener. Her first son was born in Templemore, Ireland; the second at "Carrara," Canada; the third in Jamaica; the fourth in Malta, and the fifth in this city. All five sons entered the British army or navy service.

HORSE SAVES CAVALRYMAN

Should Get Victoria Cross, Says Comrade of Fortunate. "One of our horses is a candidate for the Victoria Cross. The troops were charging at the time, and as one rider fell from his horse, wounded, the animal picked him up with his mouth by his clothes and carried him away in safety, where other men of the regiment were resting."

WOMAN RESPONSIBLE FOR RENOVATING MORALS OF THE RACE, SAYS MRS. J. H. STUBBS

BEHEADED BEFORE WIFE. Members of Strange Sect Take Terrible Toll. Special Cable to The Washington Herald. London, April 17.—Curious details of the native rite near Chirotzou, Nyassaland, reached here today. The so-called "Church of the Livingstone" besides two other Europeans living there.

DEVELOP YOUR BUST

50c Package FREE to Any Woman Who Wants a Beautiful Figure. Women need no longer be humiliated and embarrassed because they are thin, flat chested and undeveloped. For now there is a simple way to give the curves of a perfect figure. To receive this free package, simply send a stamped address to the publisher of this paper, and you will receive a free package of 50c worth of bust developing cream, and a free copy of the book "How to Develop Your Bust."

CELEBRATE ON WALL PAPER

German Make "Victory" Variety to Commemorate Success. Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Rotterdam, April 17.—A sample of German "victory wall paper" has reached here. It is meant to celebrate German successes. The tri-color of the German flag is printed in vertical bands on a white ground lined with black zig-zags. At intervals on the bands appears in black the Iron Cross on a spray of foliage and between the bands is a conventional yellow crown surrounded by a laurel wreath.

MRS JESSIE H. STUBBS

New York, April 18.—"Women are the guardians of the great tomorrow; it is within their power to put an end to the social evils that menace it. Women are the producers of the future. Present iniquitous system of morality. When a man and woman marry they enter into a partnership, the man as producer, the woman as distributor, and one is as important economically as the other." Mrs. Jessie H. Stubbs, member of the advisory council of the International Council of Women, of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association.

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The Parish Aid Society of Christ P. E. Church gave a concert in the parish hall of that church Thursday night in observance of its fifth anniversary.

The exercises were opened with an overture by Mr. Basley. Other parts were: Allegory of the years, presenter, Mrs. Julian Burke, Jr.; first year, Miss Margaret French; second year, Dorothy Morton; third year, Catherine Leadbeater; fourth year, Virginia Wilkins; fifth year, Mary Martin and solo, Mrs. Pickett.

Charade—Mrs. Robert S. Barrett, Miss Elsie Snowden, Mr. Walter C. Foster, and Mrs. William Burdette, of the Children's Home, for the benefit of the Children's Home, participated. An illustrated song was given by Miss E. Pullman, assisted by Miss Mae Starnell, violinist.

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